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**Reply to Examiner's Answer under 37 CFR § 41.41**

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Sir:

In view of the undersigned's strong objections to the Board's decision of February 19, 2010, as clearly recited in the Request for Rehearing filed July 9, 2010 as well as the remarks section of the 37 CFR §1.111 Amendment accompanying the Request for Continued Examination filed August 18, 2010, the response to the Office Action of March 1, 2011, filed August 1, 2011, as well as pages 33-35 of the Appeal Brief filed March 12, 2012, I am appalled at the Examiner's attempt to influence the Board and proposing that the issue as what is taught by the references is settled in related Appeal No. 2009-005792. Further, as to how Appellants amended the claims, the Examiner's Answer is also incomplete.

Following the earlier appeal, the independent claims were amended to recite that the method as practiced requires a "document routing number in the form of a unique identification

number” since the Board in its earlier decision concluded “we find any field in the customer record to be equivalent to the record identifier as claimed by Appellants.”

The Appellants also added the limitation that the prompting step required a voice prompting. This specific limitation was selected because the Watanabi reference taught the use of a cover sheet which was coded and therefore requires an image scanner in order to be able to decode the cover sheet and prepare a fax request which is subsequently sent by fax by the use of a computer terminal.

Because of the record being amply clear and containing many objections to the findings and conclusions made during the earlier appeal, Appellants respectfully request that any reference to the holdings of the earlier appeal be removed from this record so as to obtain a fair and just decision based on only the record created after the decision reached in Appeal No. 2009-005792.

Respectfully submitted,

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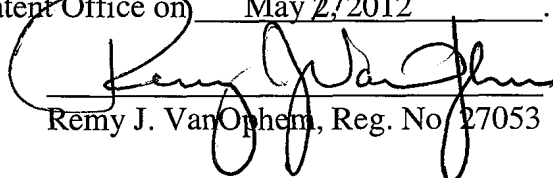
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